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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN
MINISTER MIYAZAWA, DECEMBER 16

1. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFO IS AN ACCOUNT OF CONVERSATION
HELD BETWEEN SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA ON
DECEMBER 16 IN PARIS DURING CIEC CONFERENCE. ALSO PRESENT
ON THE U.S. SIDE WERE UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON, WINSTON
LORD AND LESTER EDMOND (NOTETAKER). THE JAPANESE SIDE
CONSISTED OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, HIROMICHI MIYAZAKI,
DIRECTOR GENERAL ECONOMIC BUREAU, FOREIGN MINISTRY, YOSHIO
KARITA, DIRECTOR RESOURCES DIVISION FOREIGN OFFICE AND
KARIMA, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER (NOTETAKER).

2. THE MEETING DEALT ONLY BRIEFLY WITH EVENTS AT THE
CONFERENCE WITH BOTH SIDES AGREEING THAT MOST OF THE
PRINCIPAL DIFFICULTIES SEEMED TO BE IRONED OUT AND THAT
THE GREAT LIKELIHOOD WAS THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD
SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCH THE FOUR COMMISSIONS WITH INSTRUCTIONS
TO REPORT BACK TO ANOTHER MINISTERIAL MEETING IN A YEAR
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TIME.

3. MIYAZAWA INFORMED THE SECRETARY THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO WOULD BE VISITING JAPAN ABOUT THE TENTH OF JANUARY

FOR A THREE TO FOUR DAY VISIT. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT HE WOULD BE GOING TO MOSCOW ABOUT THE 29TH OF JANUARY. IN RESPONSE TO MIYAZAWA'S QUESTION, THE SECRETARY STATED THAT HE HAD NO FIRM BASIS FOR JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER PROGRESS COULD BE MADE ON THE SALT TALKS DURING HIS VISIT SINCE HE HAS NOT AS YET SEEN A NEW SOVIET PROPOSAL AND SINCE WE HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED OURS.

4. MOST OF THE APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTE MEETING DEALT WITH THE SUBJECT OF ANGOLA WHICH MIYAZAWA RAISED. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT OUR ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN MINIMAL AND THAT IF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT HAD SUCCEEDED THROUGH ITS OWN EFFORTS WE WOULD NOT HAVE INTERVENED. WE HAVE PROVIDED OUR LIMITED ASSISTANCE ONLY AFTER THE SOVIETS INSERTED MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF ARMS AND INTRODUCED 5,000 OR MORE CUBAN MERCENARIES. IT IS THIS ASSISTANCE THAT ENABLED THE MPLA TO MOVE FROM BEING THE THIRD LARGEST GROUPING IN MARCH TO THE LARGEST ONE TODAY.

5. IF AN MPLA SOVIET-ASSISTED VICTORY IS ACCEPTED THEN THE AFRICAN STATES COULD ONLY REACH THE CONCLUSION THAT THE USSR IS THE ONLY POWER WHOSE ACTIONS CAN AFFECT THEM AND OF WHOSE OPINIONS THEY THEREFORE HAVE TO TAKE ACCOUNT. IN RESPONSE TO A MIYAZAWA QUESTION, THE SECRETARY STATED THAT HE BELIEVED THE SECURITY OF THE SEA LANES TO BE A SECONDARY CONSIDERATION. A MORE BASIC CONSIDERATION WAS THAT THE SOVIET UNION'S PERCEPTION OF ITS OWN CAPABILITIES WOULD BE HEAVILY AFFECTED IF IT DETERMINED THAT IT COULD OBTAIN A MAJOR STRATEGIC SUCCESS IN AN AREA 8,000 MILES FROM HOME AND WHERE THERE ARE NO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES SUPPLYING MILITARY SUPPORT.

6. AFTER THE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT THE QUESTION MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, MIYAZAWA NOTED THAT CHINA WAS ON THE COUNCIL. HE ALSO SAID THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL NOT TO GET THE QUESTION ASSOCIATED
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WITH THE APARTHEID ISSUE AND SOUTH AFRICAN ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL FRONT.

7. THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT WOULD BE DESIRABLE BUT NOTED THAT WE HAVE THE PRACTICAL PROBLEM OF THE MASSIVE SOVIET INTERVENTION. WE ARE NOT COOPERATING WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

8. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT THE U.S. DOMESTIC DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE COULD PLAY A BIG ROLE IN THE OUTCOME OF THE PROBLEM. IF THE SOVIETS BELIEVE THAT CONGRESS WILL PREVENT US FROM DOING MORE IN ANGOLA OR THAT A DIVISIVE DEBATE WILL TIE OUR HANDS, THEN NATURALLY THE

SOVIETS WILL BE FAR LESS READY TO COMPROMISE. THE SECRETARY STATED THAT HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PERSUADE THE SOVIETS TO STOP SENDING MILITARY SUPPLIES AND TO AGREE TO A COALITION GOVERNMENT. KISSINGER

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